

Immigration law

To the editor: One of the commonly heard opinions regarding undocumented immigrants is that they “just need to get in line and wait their turn like others.”

Unfortunately, more often than not this simply isn’t possible because the so-called “lines” only exist for a limited number of people who fit specific criteria, such as having nuclear family members who are already United States citizens financially able to provide required support, or being “lucky” enough to qualify for one of the limited humanitarian aid spots.

Since 2008, the League of Women Voters has supported federal immigration law that provides an efficient, expeditious system with minimal or no backlogs for legal entry of immigrants into the United States.

To complement these goals, the LWV supports federal policies to improve economies, education and living conditions in nations with large emigrating populations. While transitioning to a reformed immigration system, the league supports provision for unauthorized immigrants already in the United States to earn legal status.

Immigration law and immigration regulations are confusing, so it’s not a surprise that many wellmeaning Americans are ill-informed. The LWV is committed to checking and providing the facts before taking any positions.

For more information on LWV and upcoming immigration programs, go to lwvhcnc.org.

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